

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P03/252-ve/rg	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014916	International filing date (day/month/year) 17/11/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27/11/2003
Applicant MERCK PATENT GMBH		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 7 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the International search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/014916

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07C211/55 C07C205/57 C07C255/57 C07C211/56 C07C317/34
 C07C225/10 A61K31/196 A61K31/136 A61K31/145 A61K31/166
 A61P3/10 A61P9/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, PAJ, BEILSTEIN Data, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>DATABASE CHEMABS 'Online! CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; KIZBER, A. I. ET AL: "Transformations in the series of diazoamino compounds. I. Thermal decomposition of carboxy-substituted diazoaminobenzenes" XP002296498 retrieved from STN Database accession no. 1958:34914 abstract & ZHURNAL OBSHCHEI KHIMII , 27, 2208-13 CODEN: ZOKHA4; ISSN: 0044-460X, 1957, ----- -/--</p>	1-4



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

G document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

17 May 2005

Date of mailing of the international search report

22/06/2005

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
 NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
 Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl.
 Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Bedel, C

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/014916

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	KNOCHEL PAUL: "A New General Preparation of Polyfunctional Diarylamines by the Addition of Functionalized Arylmagnesium Compounds to Nitroarenes" J.AM.CHEM.SOC., no. 124, 2002, pages 9390-9391, XP002296494 page 9391; example 1d; table 1	1-5
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 0070, no. 19 (C-147), 25 January 1983 (1983-01-25) & JP 57 175106 A (YOSHIO KATSUTA), 28 October 1982 (1982-10-28) voir aussi dans le brevet p.43 dans le tableau les exemples 3,4,8 et 11, les substituants R et Y. abstract	1-5
X	US 4 316 044 A (ISHIMITSU KEIICHI ET AL) 16 February 1982 (1982-02-16) examples	1-4
X	GB 1 307 284 A (BOOTS PURE DRUG CO LTD) 14 February 1973 (1973-02-14) page 4, line 4 - page 5, line 2; claim 1 page 8, line 10 - line 18 page 9, line 10 - line 34	1-4, 6-8
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 0165, no. 66 (C-1009), 8 December 1992 (1992-12-08) & JP 04 220442 A (SUMITOMO CHEM CO LTD), 11 August 1992 (1992-08-11) see also examples abstract	1-3
X	US 5 196 610 A (CARR ROBIN A E ET AL) 23 March 1993 (1993-03-23) column 44, line 39 - column 45, line 28; example 36	1-4
X	WO 03/087045 A (LITTLE PAUL BRIAN ; RECEVEUR JEAN-MARIE (DK); ULVEN TROND (DK); 7TM PH) 23 October 2003 (2003-10-23) voir les réactifs utilisés page 79; exemples 90-92	1-4
X	WO 03/076406 A (MERCK PATENT GMBH) 18 September 2003 (2003-09-18) page 26, line 1 - line 23 page 29, line 5 - page 30, line 2; table C	6-14
	----- -/--	

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	PETER J. O'BRIEN: "A comparison of hepatocyte cytotoxic mechanisms for Cu ²⁺ and Cd ²⁺ " TOXYCOLOGY, no. 143, 2000, pages 263-273, XP002296495 table 1 page 269, left-hand column, paragraph 2 -----	6-14
A	GÖNÜL SAHIN: "Effects of some probable antioxidants on the selenite-induced cataract formation and oxidative stress-related parameters in rats" TOXYCOLOGY, no. 139, 1999, pages 219-232, XP002296496 page 220, left-hand column, paragraph 2 page 223; tables 1,2 -----	6-14
A	JEFFERY W. KELLY: "Synthesis, Structure and Activity of Diclofenac Analogues as Transthyretin Amyloid Fibril Formation Inhibitors" J.MED.CHEM., no. 45, 2002, pages 321-332, XP002296497 page 325; table 2 -----	6-14
X	DATABASE BEILSTEIN BEILSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, FRANKFURT-MAIN, DE; XP002328213 Database accession no. 5061244 abstract & GORVIN, JOHN H.: J.CHEM.SOC.PERKIN TRANS.1, 1988, pages 1331-1336, -----	5
A	DATABASE BEILSTEIN BEILSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, FRANKFURT-MAIN, DE; XP002328214 Database accession no. 2813438 abstract & LANTZ: BULL.SOC.CHIM.FR., 1956, pages 311-315, -----	5
X	DATABASE CA CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; WARD YANCEY D.: "Solid phase synthesis of aryl amines via palladium catalysed amination of resin-bound aromatic bromides" XP002328215 Database accession no. 1996:605697 abstract & TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, vol. 37, no. 39, 1996, pages 6993-6996, -----	5
	----- -/--	

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP2004/014916

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DATABASE CA CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; BURGER ALFRED: "Some derivatives of 4'-hydroxydiphenylamine-4-carboxylic acid" XP002328216 Database accession no. 1956:44350 abstract & J.A.C.S., no. 77, 1955, page 5733, -----	5
A	MAFFEI FACINO R ET AL: "ANTIOXIDANT PROFILE OF NIMESULIDE, INDOMETHACIN AND DICLOFENAC IN PHOSPHATIDYLCHOLINE LIPOSOMES (PCL) AS MEMBRANE MODEL" INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF TISSUE REACTIONS, BIOSCIENCE EDIPRINT, GENEVA, CH, vol. 15, no. 6, 1993, pages 225-234, XP002048767 ISSN: 0250-0868 the whole document -----	6-14

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 1-4, 6 (partially)

The initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claim(s) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claim(s) is impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to:
A combination of claims 3-4 as well as claim 5 and a combination of claims 7-9 as well as claim 10.

The use of these compounds as antioxydants has been searched on the full scope of formula (II) (cl.11-14)

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/EP2004/014916

Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-4, 6 (partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.